

House Resolution No. 4056

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations whose contributions admirably enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through an emphasis on patriotism; and

Whereas, Elk's Lodge #501 in Joplin, Missouri, will observe National Patriot Day on September 13, 2008, by displaying the country's historic flags and by handing out Pledge of Allegiance cards to the public at the local J.C. Penney store; and

Whereas, National Patriot Day was established by Joint Resolution of the 107th Congress and passed into law on December 18, 2001, in light of the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in which four civilian aircraft were commandeered; and

Whereas, two of the airliners were flown into the World Trade Center in New York City, a third was flown into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth crashed into a field in southwestern Pennsylvania after alert passengers attempted to regain control of the aircraft; and

Whereas, on National Patriot Day, state and local governments, interested organizations, and individuals should display the flag of the United States at half-staff and observe a moment of silence in honor of the individuals who lost their lives in terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, since that day, several thousand military personnel have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in foreign fields where the struggle against terrorists has been taken; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such patriotic organizations as Elk's Lodge #501:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Elk's Lodge #501 and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they observe National Patriot Day on September 13, 2008; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Elk's Lodge #501 in Joplin, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronald F. Richard
District No. 129

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4056, adopted September 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker